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11 **DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.132**

12 As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

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14 my name.

15 I believe I am the original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which
16 is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled "A Method and
17 Apparatus for Generating and Managing a Language Model Data Structure" as
18 identified above, which hereinafter will be referred to as the "Subject Application".

19 The subject matter disclosed, but not claimed, in U.S. Patent No. 6,904,402 to
20 Wang et al. (hereinafter "Wang Patent") that is claimed in the Subject Application
21 was conceived and invented by the inventors of the Subject Application. Of note,
22 four of the inventors of the Wang Patent are also inventors of the Subject Application
23 and further, the Subject Application and the Wang Patent have a common assignee.
24 The subject matter should be attributed to the named inventive entity of the Subject
25 Application, as filed, and therefore the Wang Patent is not available as prior art to the
Subject Application.

26 All statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all
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